DANA GOTZ NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MINNESOTA JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES

Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Superintendent Wade Setter and the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Policy Group (Policy Group) has appointed Dana Gotz as the Executive Director of the Minnesota Justice Information Services (MNJIS).

Gotz was selected by unanimous vote of the Policy Group following a nationwide search for candidates. She has worked as Acting Executive Director since March 2011 when former MNJIS Executive Director David M. Johnson retired. During that time, Gotz not only held the position, but worked to improve organization efficiency and to advance priority projects.

For more than a decade, Ms. Gotz has played an integral role in policy and funding issues for criminal justice information sharing in Minnesota. She's worked on the program and fiscal management for CriMNet, played a key role in the move to a targeted statewide integration model and the establishment of Minnesota's criminal justice data integration core priorities.

"I'm excited about this new role. Minnesota has established a long-term vision of sharing criminal justice information. It's my job to drive this vision to reality; to build on past accomplishments and to collaborate with local criminal justice entities to provide more accurate, timely and complete information," Gotz said.

Dana Gotz has worked for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) since 2001 and for the BCA since 2004. She was a key member of the transition team when MNJIS was created through the merger of the CriMNet Program Office and the Criminal Justice Information Systems division at the BCA. Gotz has extensive experience working with the legislature, in the DPS Commissioner's Office and as an Assistant Director at MNJIS.

The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Policy Group provides the overall strategic and policy direction for statewide criminal justice information integration. Policy Group membership is defined in statute and includes the commissioners of the departments of Public Safety, Corrections and Minnesota Management and Budget; the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Enterprise Technology; four representatives of the Minnesota Judicial Branch and the Chair and First Vice-Chair of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Task Force. The Policy Group makes recommendations to the governor, Supreme Court and legislature on integration policy issues and funding.